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OFFICIAL PAPER OF COCHISE COUNTY

Marcus, my boy, let pension matters rest for awhile, and give us some artesian wells.

The EPITAPH wishes its friends (and it is vain enough to believe they are not a few) a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. What a pleasant thing it would be among friends if we could commence the new year without owing each other anything.

As an evidence of the ignorance of the ordinary telegraph editor, the San Francisco Chronicle, of the 15th inst., contains a telegraphic account of a raid of a renegade band of Yaqui Indians, on the border of Sinaloa, Mexico, 500 miles from this Territory; but the Chronicle heads the dispatch, "An Arizona Ranch Robbed by Redskins." If it were not a well-known fact that there are no Indians in Arizona, such mistakes would do our Territory harm; but even as it is, it might be advisable for Mr. De Young to give his "head" editor a course in geography in some good night school.

An interesting controversy is going on between the San Francisco Chronicle and Examiner as to whether the Examiner's press, a new Hoe, can print, fold and deliver more eight-page papers per hour than both the Chronicle's presses combined. That the Examiner believes its press can accomplish this is shown by its wagger to that effect of any sum of money the Chronicle may name, said money to go to charitable institutions. The Chronicle has accepted the offer. It lays \$25,000 that the Examiner's claim is not good. The latter has already placed its \$25,000 in the Nevada Bank. The conditions proposed by the Examiner are: Trial to take place within thirty days after the Examiner's press is declared in good running order; to which the Chronicle adds that the copies must be legible, the winner shall name charities to be benefited by the trial, and that accidents shall be barred. The conditions are such that it is hardly possible the contest will ever take place; it is looked upon merely as a piece of journalistic bombast.

We have heard from what we consider good authority that work on the Mineral Belt road will soon be resumed, and by a company which has ample capital to push the building of the same to completion, which we understand means a connection with the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad at Benson.

The above, which is copied from the Flagstaff (Ariz.) Champion, coincides with what the EPITAPH has always contended—that the Benson connection will be made sooner or later. As it now stands, the line between that point and Guaymas, Mexico, is anything but profitable, while if it had a connection with the main Santa Fe system, it could easily be made the shortest and best transcontinental route. The importance of the undertaking to Cochise county can not be overestimated. With direct competition between the Southern Pacific and the Santa Fe roads, our county would occupy a position which no other portion of the Territory could hope to enjoy for many years to come. Within the borders of Cochise will be built up a city which will become the great distributing point for the entire Southwest, including Sonora. Naturally, that point is at the crossing of the two roads, but with properly directed energy it would not be a difficult matter to make Tombstone the commercial center.

## MILITARY PROTECTION AGAINST INDIANS.

The work of the committee, chosen by the citizens of Globe in June last, and delegated to wait upon General Miles at San Carlos, and urge upon him the necessity of a military post located on the western border of the reservation, and efforts subsequently made, have borne fruit earlier than the most sanguine of our people dared hope. It is now reasonably certain that the petition of residents of this exposed section of Arizona, has been favorably considered by the War Department; and that the establishment of a post at Globe, or vicinity, has been determined upon, and that early in the coming year, probably within a few weeks, the preliminary work of selecting a site and contracting for material for use in the construction of the necessary buildings, will be begun.

Not alone is Gila county to receive the protection from depredating Indians which by reason of its situation contiguous to the San Carlos reservation, it is entitled to, but the Government has, we are assured, adopted and will immediately inaugurate a policy looking to the better security of the entire southeastern portion of Arizona from incursions of hostile Apaches from the reservation, which contemplates the location of posts and concentration of troops at strategic points along the border of the San Carlos reservation, and the abandonment of forts remote from scenes liable to Indian depredations.

This tardy recognition by the Government, of the just claims of Southeastern Arizona which has been so repeatedly the arena of violence and murder wrought by the ruthless hand of the Apache, is chiefly due to the wise counsel of General Miles, whose successful management of

the Indians in this Territory since his assignment to the command of the Department of Arizona, has won him not only the thanks and confidence of the people of the Southwest, but has given him prestige and influence with the Department at Washington, which promises a solution of the Indian problem in this Territory, which Gen. Crook's impetuous policy had rendered so complicated.—Globe Silver Belt.

Senator Stewart, of Nevada, introduced into the Senate last Monday the following bill in regard to irrigation, which is of vital importance to the people of the Pacific Coast and more especially to the people of Arizona:

Be it enacted, etc., that the public lands, when irrigation is necessary or desirable, shall be divided by lines drawn between the lands which are so situated that irrigation is practicable and the lands for which water cannot be obtained for the purpose of irrigation.

Section 2. All places which can be used for reservoirs to store water for the purpose of irrigation should be surveyed and reserved for that purpose.

Section 3. The right of way for ditches and canals for the purposes of irrigation on the public lands are hereby reserved, and all sales of public lands hereafter made shall be subject to this reservation, provided however, that if damage is caused by the destruction of improvements made upon lands in obtaining right of way for such ditches and canals, compensation shall be made for the actual damage to the improvements, and no more.

Section 4. No title shall pass by any deed or patent from the United States which shall prevent the construction of irrigating ditches and canals upon payment of the actual damages to the improvements, to be assessed in the same manner by the local courts as damages are assessed where private property is taken for public use.

Section 5. The surveys provided for in this act shall precede all other surveys in each locality where water can be obtained from any lake, river, stream or spring for irrigation, and no land shall be surveyed or sold where irrigation is desirable until the water supply is first ascertained, the reservoir is selected and reserved and the land capable of irrigation segregated and set apart from the land where irrigation is impossible.

Section 6. The Commissioner of the General Land Office shall make rules and regulations to carry this act into effect.

If the above should become a law and adequate appropriations made from the land surplus in the United States Treasury, the immense stretches of mesa lands which lie uncultivated on all sides of us, could be utilized, and farms, orchards and vineyards would spring up in all directions.

## THE REBOUND COMING.

According to all reports, thousands of people are out of work in California and the Golden State is overrun with idle men. At Los Angeles long lines of men take their turns at the various employment offices in search of any kind of work which may serve to keep the wolf from the door for the time being. The rebound is already being felt, and before spring, the unprecedented tide of immigration which has been pushing toward California, will find a resting place in New Mexico and Arizona, where there are mines to be worked, ditches to be dug and farms to be improved, offering to every industrious man an opportunity to thrive by his own labor and build up a home for himself and family.—Albuquerque Democrat.

## AMERICA'S OLDEST TOWN.

It will be news to a good many people to learn that perhaps the oldest settlement in the United States is to be found in Arizona; at least, that is the assertion made in a petition received by the Commissioner of the General Land Office.

The place is called Tubac, and is in Pima county. This is how this interesting bit of history came to be made public:

The Probate Judge of the county applied at the local land office to have a quarter section added to the present townsite, for the reason, as stated in the petition, which is drawn by an attorney, "that the above portion of land contains nearly all of the residence portion and principal buildings of the town, including the church, burying ground and historical and other associations connected with the town, the same being highly prized by the inhabitants, the town being the third oldest in the United States, its history running back to 1539."

The petition then goes on to say that by some oversight of the United States surveyor who laid out the town, the land was thrown open to settlement, and one Bernardo Valenzuela, an illiterate, ignorant Mexican, and an outspoken enemy of our race, who has just taken out his first papers of citizenship, filed his claim to it.

"If your Honor does not intervene to prevent issuing to this man," says the petition, "it will work a great hardship, loss and detriment to the inhabitants of what we believe to be the oldest settlement in the United States, for when discovered by Coronado in 1539 it contained 50,000 inhabitants and was the capital of the then Papagueria (country of the Papagos), as it has been of this Territory, it having been our first capital where our United States laws were first promulgated and put in force."—New York Herald.

The mining industry in Arizona is looking up, and Los Angeles will benefit thereby. The trade of the Territory is a very important factor in the commerce of this city, where most of her mining companies and merchants make their purchases, instead of San Francisco as formerly. The expenses of some of these mines run into hundreds of thousands monthly. The Arizona trade gave the first impetus to the forward march of Los Angeles when the Southern Pacific Rail-

road was opened through the Territory and it still forms a large percentage of the transactions of many of our whole-sale houses. It will pay our business men to cultivate the Arizona trade and study the needs of the Territory, which is destined ere long to become an important State.—Los Angeles Times.

FROM CATTLE TO HORSES.  
Capt. B. F. Hills, a large ranch owner in the Indian Territory, tells a story of a remarkable change in the stock-raising of the Southwest, to a St. Louis reporter:

"I have just returned from a trip through New Mexico," said Capt. Hills, "where I looked carefully in the stock interest. All seem to have made up their minds that the day for large cattle ranges is over, and there is a general inclination to split up the great herds and make a great number of ranches upon the ground formerly occupied by one. The most notable change, however, that fell under my observation is that from cattle raising to horse raising. Dozens of ranchmen have sold their cattle and replaced them with horses, and I expect to see the country in the neighborhood of Las Vegas, one of the greatest horse districts in the West, within a few years. The stock now in use is principally of the bronco variety, a cross between the mustang and the American horse. A systematic effort is in progress to cross this stock with Kentucky blood with the expectation of securing an animal better suited to the needs of the country than any that have hitherto been introduced. It is understood at Las Vegas that Wilson Waddingham, a New York capitalist who has a large ranch interest in the vicinity, is about to establish a horse ranch expressly for breeding this style of animals, with a special view to supplying the needs of the cavalry stationed in New Mexico and Arizona."

The Star concurs in the opinion of the EPITAPH that the prosperity of the West depends wholly upon the security of land titles. The insane attempt of Commissioner Sparks to annul United States land patents upon every trivial pretext of fraud usually trumped up by some scoundrel who wanted to use the government to assist him in stealing an honest man's property, did this western country more harm than a pestilence. The undeveloped resources of Arizona will sooner or later attract millions of capital, to make this country the garden spot of the earth, as its fertile soil and matchless climate destined it to be. How soon we shall enlist the co-operation of capitalists, without which this country is worthless, will depend upon the assurance they receive from the acts of the land department and the decisions of the courts as to the inviolability of United States land patents. Vilas, the new and distinguished Secretary of the Interior, is a Western man. He is familiar with the conditions of this country, and it is safe to say that his land policy will command the confidence of the people of the West.—Tucson Star.

## LOSSES IN MONTANA.

In a recent conversation with Mr. William Croft, who was interested in cattle on the ranges in the Yellowstone and Powder river country, Montana, and who passed three winters, including the last one, on the range with his cattle, interesting facts were obtained by the Kansas City Live Stock Indicator:

Mr. Croft says the general average loss of cattle was 80 per cent, his loss, although his herd was a small one, having amounted to that much. There was one herd of 16,000 head, the loss of which having amounted to 9,000. Another herd of 1,250 had 150 left after the round up. Other losses were in about the same proportion.

The sheep-owners also suffered very heavily. Some bands were completely destroyed, while others lost more in proportion than herds of cattle. One band out of 3,300 head, lost 2,000 and another of 5,000 was almost completely annihilated.

The previous winter, the losses were light and in giving the above facts it is not with the intention of prejudicing any one against Montana as a stock country, but simply to supply information to which there is every reason to believe is reliable.

The drill at the artesian well at Deming is in hard sandstone, 860 feet down, with water within twenty-five feet of the top, and still increasing.

## AN OPPORTUNITY TO BUY HOLIDAY PRESENTS AT COST.

H. Schmieding is now offering some of the best bargains in watches, clocks, jewelry and silverware ever heard of. It is a fact that he is selling goods of the very best quality at about bullion value. Here is an opportunity to purchase holiday presents that is rarely offered, and one which the people of Tombstone and the surrounding country should not fail to avail themselves of. While the stock is not large, it contains many articles which would make valuable presents, and which would doubtless suit you. Call and examine the goods; it is no trouble to show them. Remember the place. H. Schmieding, south side of Allen street, between Fourth and Fifth.

## Occidental Hotel.

This is the only first-class hotel in Tombstone. It is handsomely furnished with all modern improvements. Travelers who stop at this house will find every comfort and attention. Private rooms for commercial travelers at reasonable rates. A splendid billiard table and a card room. The bar is supplied with pure brands of wines, liquors and cigars.

## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE COCHISE FAIR ASSOCIATION.

Know all men by these presents, that we, H. A. Tweed, John Montgomery, W. B. Benson, Geo. G. Berry, F. L. Moore, J. Henry Campbell, A. J. Ritter, Frank Hare, W. W. Woodman, A. R. English, L. E. Page, V. C. Wilson, Chas. D. Reppy, J. Pascholy, Armand Tuquet, by these presents do voluntarily associate ourselves together for the purpose of forming a corporation, and we do hereby certify:

1st. That we are the incorporators thereof. That the name of the corporation is and shall be "The Cochise Fair Association," and its principal place of transacting business, at Tombstone, Arizona.

2d. The general nature of the business to be transacted is the purchasing, improving and conducting of a Fair Ground for the exhibition of the products of Cochise County, Arizona Territory.

3d. The amount of the capital stock authorized, is \$3000, and the whole of the same is to be paid in cash, within one year from the date of these presents.

4th. The corporation shall commence on this day and shall exist for twenty years.

5th. The affairs of the corporation shall be conducted by a Board of Directors consisting of five, and of which five, the president of this corporation is one, and said Board is to be elected annually, and a president, secretary and treasurer to be elected at the same time; and the officers for this year are: A. J. Ritter, president; J. S. Taylor, secretary; H. A. Tweed, treasurer; directors, A. J. Ritter, chairman; V. C. Wilson, J. H. Campbell, W. B. Benson and H. A. Tweed.

6th. The highest amount of indebtedness or liability to which this corporation is at any time to subject itself, is the sum of \$1000.

7th. That private property is exempt from corporate debts.

In witness whereof, we have hereto set our hands and seals, this 5th day of December, A. D. 1887.

H. A. TWEED, [SEAL]  
JOHN MONTGOMERY, [SEAL]  
W. B. BENSON, [SEAL]  
GEO. G. BERRY, [SEAL]  
F. L. MOORE, [SEAL]  
J. H. CAMPBELL, [SEAL]  
A. J. RITTER, [SEAL]  
FRANK HARE, [SEAL]  
W. W. WOODMAN, [SEAL]  
ALLEN R. ENGLISH, [SEAL]  
L. E. PAGE, [SEAL]  
JOS. PASCHOLY, [SEAL]  
ARMAND TUQUET, [SEAL]  
V. C. WILSON, [SEAL]  
CHAS. D. REPPY, [SEAL]

TERRITORY OF ARIZONA, )  
COUNTY OF COCHISE.

Before me, J. S. Taylor, Notary Public in and for said County, on this day personally appeared, Chas. D. Reppy, H. A. Tweed, John Montgomery, W. B. Benson, Geo. G. Berry, F. L. Moore, J. H. Campbell, A. J. Ritter, Frank Hare, W. W. Woodman, Allen R. English, L. E. Page, V. C. Wilson, Jos. Pascholy, Armand Tuquet, known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same for the purpose and consideration expressed.

Given under my hand and the seal of office, this 7th day of December, A. D. 1887.

J. S. TAYLOR, [SEAL] Notary Public.

## SKATING RINK OPEN.

The skating rink will be open this (Saturday) afternoon and evening, and will be opened every evening during the winter season.

BARON BROS.

Dr. Brown, of Fort Huachuca, will sell furniture, consisting of bed room sets, crib, chiffonier, rocking chairs, dining table, sideboard, center table, Domestic sewing machine and a very fine toned Mason & Hamlin Cabinet organ. 3t

## To the Public.

Having purchased the entire interest of Jos. Pascholy in the undertaking business in this city, I will hereafter devote my special attention to said business. Embalming and the preparing of bodies for removal a specialty. Orders filled in any part of the county.

A. J. RITTER.

## New Store.

Paul Bahn is offering to the people of Tombstone and the county in general, some of the best bargains in groceries and liquors ever offered in this county. His stock is new fresh and desirable canned goods, wines, candles, in fact every thing sold in a first class grocery store is being sold by him at Fairbank prices.

## INDIAN DEPREDACTIONS.

All persons who have claims against the Government for losses sustained through Indian depredations in Arizona and New Mexico, will find it to their interest to communicate immediately with the undersigned in regard to the same, if they desire to take advantage of the laws recently passed by Congress to reimburse all parties who have suffered such losses.

WM. O. O'NEILL, Attorney at Law, Prescott, Arizona.

F. N. Wolcott's Cash Store is now ready for business at the new location in the Otis building, on Fremont street, near the Postoffice. The choicest and freshest groceries at the lowest cash prices.

Send for fine tailor-fitting clothing for the Holidays to Summerfield & Roman, 942 Market street San Francisco.

Go to Seamans & Son for your holiday presents.

Wall paper from 15cts. to \$1.50 per roll at Bagg's.

The celebrated J. H. White butter can be bought only at Wolcott's. This is gilt edge.

Seamans & Son have a perfect bijou of a establishment. Give them a call.

Summerfield & Roman, the San Francisco clothing store, send all goods ordered by express, and exchange if not suited, 942 Market street San Francisco.

Seamans & Son have the largest and best selected stock of jewelry, watches, silverware, etc., ever brought to this city. Call and examine the goods.

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We are now prepared to draw drafts direct, issue letters of credit, and transfer money by mail, and cable, on all points of Europe Asia, Africa and Australia.

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Under the Auspices

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December 24th and 25th.

PROGRAMME FOR

Saturday, Dec. 24

1 O'CLOCK—TOURNAMENT.

First Prize, to the Knight taking the greatest number of rings—Saddle valued at \$20.  
Second Prize, to the Knight taking the second greatest number of rings—Bridle valued at \$15.  
In addition to the above, three crowns will be awarded to the three successful Knights, who will crown a Queen and two Maids of Honor, selected from the handsomest ladies on the grounds.

2:30 P. M.  
Slow Race, distance one-half mile, Prize \$25. Neither whip nor spur to be used. Last horse to take the prize.

3 P. M.  
Turkey shooting. Distance 200 yards. Only ordinary gun sights will be allowed.

## Christmas Day.

1 O'CLOCK—Match game of base ball. Purse \$75.

2 O'CLOCK—One-half mile dash. Five to enter and three to start. Purse \$50.

3 O'CLOCK—One-half mile dash. Free for all excepting horses entered in first race. Purse \$30.

A Burro race for boys each day for a purse of \$5.

Races will be run under the rules governing the Sacramento Fair Association.

Seats will be provided for ladies and their escorts.

Entries must be made by 12 o'clock, on the day of race, to the secretary.

Entrance to grounds, 50 cents.

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